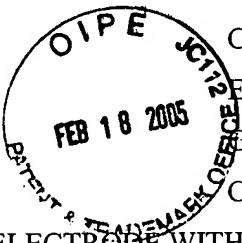


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Gust H. Bardy et al. Confirmation No.: 3720  
Serial No.: 10/013,980 Examiner: K. Schaetzle  
Filing Date: November 5, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3762  
Docket No.: 1201.1135101 Customer No.: 21691  
For: SUBCUTANEOUS ELECTRODE WITH IMPROVED CONTACT SHAPE FOR  
TRANSTHORACIC CONDUCTION



**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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By Kathleen L. Boekley  
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith. Also enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to March 16, 2005.

**FEES**

The RCE fee (37 CFR §1.17(e)) in the amount of \$395.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

Gust H. Bardy et al.

By their Attorney,

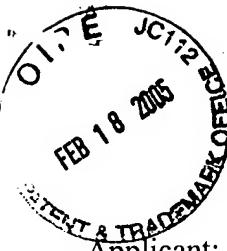
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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

[XX] Amendment

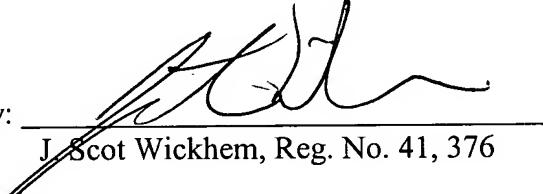
[XX] No additional claim fee required

[ ] The claim fee has been calculated as shown:

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				SMALL ENTITY	OTHER		
	REMAINING CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID	EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	=		X 25 =	\$	X 50 =	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	-	=		X 100 =	\$	X 200 =	\$
( ) FIRST MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ 180 =	\$	+ 360 =	\$
TOTAL				\$		\$	

[XX] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.

- [XX] A check in the amount of \$455.00 is enclosed. Itemization:  
Fee Code 2251      \$ 60.00  
Fee Code 2801      \$395.00  
Fee Code \_\_\_\_\_      \$
- [XX] Other: PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME, AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL.
- [XX] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).
- [XXXX] Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 16, 2005. As indicated on the Fax Transmittal Cover Sheet, Applicants petition herewith for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to March 16, 2005.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.